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Re: SCP-Carlstadt Site, Administrative Orders Index Nos. II-CERCLA-50114 and II-CERCLA-60102

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious problem which has arisen regarding Respondents implementation of the Feasibility Study (FS) pursuant to the above-referenced Administrative Orders.

It has come to my attention that the data reported in Dames & Moore's Draft Remedial Investigation Report, dated September, 1988, is inconsistent with some of the raw data reported by their laboratory, ETC.

In the course of the completion of EPA's Endangerment Assessment, ICF, Incorporated, EPA's contractor, has discovered that in at least several samples, the data summaries prepared by ETC exclude certain compounds which were in fact, detected according to the individual sample data tables, also prepared by ETC. It is my understanding that Dames & Moore used only ETC's data summaries for the preparation of the Draft Remedial Investigation Report, and that they did not review the individual sample data tables.

My staff has informed Gerry Coscia, of Dames & Moore, of this serious problem. Apparently, Dames & Moore is looking into the extent and magnitude of these errors, and has initiated discussions with ETC.

I request that you have Dames & Moore perform a detailed review of all of the data generated by ETC, and report any and all inconsistencies, along with a proposal to correct the deficiencies, in writing to this office by no later than COB Tuesday, February 14, 1989. In addition, please submit, at the same time, a full report from ETC explaining the reasons for the inconsistencies discovered. ~~It is my understanding that Dames & Moore began this review on Wednesday, February 8, 1989.~~

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Janet Feldstein, of my staff at (212) 264-0613.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Basso, Chief
New Jersey Compliance Branch

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